

# **DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation to host second annual 'Paddlefest' on Aug. 25**

**DEWEY BEACH** – DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation's Delaware Seashore State Park will host "Paddlefest" for the second year in a row, beginning 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 at Delaware Seashore State Park.

"Paddlefest" was created to celebrate the park's wildlife-rich salt marshes, as well as the park's 50th anniversary last year. Due to its success, both participants and staff agreed that it would become an annual event due to popular demand. Last year, 200 paddlers participated.

The event is specifically geared toward the experienced kayaker. The course meanders through four miles of salt marsh creeks where heat, wind, and tide are all factors that can make it a challenge, even for the experienced paddler. Park staff will be stationed throughout the course to discuss wildlife and local history, as well as to provide water and snacks to participants.

At the end of the course, kayakers will be presented a certificate of completion, and photo opportunities will be available. A food truck will also be on hand with food for purchase. A state parks shuttle bus also will be circulating to take participants back to their cars since "Paddlefest" is a one-way course.

Advance reservations are required. Participants may bring their own kayaks, or they may rent from Coastal Kayak in Fenwick Island. For more information or to register, call the Indian River Life-Saving Station at 302-227-6991.

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